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SUBJECT: MEXICO REQUESTS USG SUPPORT FOR CANDIDACIES TO  
UNESCO SUBSIDIARY ORGANS

¶1. Mexico's Foreign Secretariat (SRE), per diplomatic note dated February 20, 2009, addressed to the Embassy, has advised us that Mexico is seeking election to the following subsidiary organs of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in the elections scheduled to take place during the 35th General Conference in October 2009 in Paris.

The Government of Mexico seeks to become of the following organs:

- a) Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in case of Illicit Appropriation for the period 2009-2013;
- b) The World Heritage Committee for the period 2009-2013;
- c) Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB) for the period 2009-2013.

2 Action Request: Embassy requests Department guidance on responding to Mexico's appeal for support.

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